Rajmahal OC projects over the prices as fixed on 16.6.1994.

WESTERN COALFIELDS LIMITED

Grades of Coal	Percentage of increase w.e.f. 22.3.1996 per tonne
Non-coking	
Grade - D	43.84%
Grade - E	50.93%
Grade - F	57.58%

RAMAGUNDAM OC-II MINE

	Percentage of increase w.e.f. 9.1.1996 per tonne
Coal produced from Ramagundam OC-II mines	43.18%

RAJMAHAL OC PROJECTS

	Percentage of increase w.e.f. 22.4.1996 per tonne.
Coal produced from Rajmahal OC projects	57.20%

Implementation of Common Minimum Programme

877. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details about the implementation of the commitment made in the Common Minimum Programme regarding 50% subsidy on issue prices to the poorest of the poor;

(b) additional financial burden that will have to be borne by the Central Government and the number of people will benefit out of this Scheme;

(c) the total number of people covered by the public Distribution System in the country and what will be the total cost of subsidy involved in it during 1996-97; and

(d) the criteria adopted by Government for identifying the poorest of the poor and what is likely to be total number of such persons?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) to (d) Government proposes to streamline the Public Distribution System (PDS) with its focus on the poor. The details are being worked out in consultation with the State Governments.

Demand to enhance IR by National Federation of Newspapers and News Agency

878. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) National Federation of Newspapers and News Agency Employees has demanded to Government to issue notification to enhance the percentage of interim relief immediately; and

(b) if so, reaction of Government?

THE MINISTER OF LABOAUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration of the Government and a final decision will be taken soon.

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

1. **Report and Accounts (1994-95) of the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India, Kanpur and related papers**
2. **Report and Accounts (1994-95) of the National Instt. for Visually Handicapped, Dehradun and related papers.**